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EXPORT OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of cotton exported during each of the last three years and proposed for the current year, country-wise;

(b) whether export of cotton as in

(a) was according to the target fixed;

(c) if so, the details of target fixed for each year;

(d) the reasons for not achieving the target set for cotton export, if any; and

(e) the steps taken to boost the export of cotton?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): Though no target is fixed for export of cotton, Government releases quota for export. The quota released and actual exports during 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are as follows:-

YEAR (Oct-Sept)	QUOTA RELEASED (in lakh bales of 170 kg.each)	ACTUAL EXPORT (in lakh bales of 170 kg.each)	VALUE (IN RS. CRORE)
1996-97	14.42	16.82+	1655.00
1997-98	8.2	3.4937	316.85
1998-99	5.00	1.01253	86.71
1999-2000			
(upto 31.7.2000)	5.00	0.50946	39.83

+ inclusive of 4.69 lakh bales of 1995-96 spill over The major countries to which cotton is exported from India are Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mauritious, Nepal Netherland, Oman, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arab, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand Togo, Turkey and U.K.

(d) The quantum of export, inter alia, depends upon the price and quality parameters. In recent years, cotton prices in international market have come down considerably and are at par or lower than the prices in domestic market.

(e) The Technology Mission on Cotton Development has been launched with objectives of research, dissemination of technology to farmers, improvement in market infrastructure and modernisation of Ginning and Pressing Factories for over all improvement in the productivity and quality of cotton